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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO CEAUSESCU

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COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTED TO ALLEVIATING THE HUMAN SUFFERING CAUSED BY THE DISASTER. WE STAND READY TO PROVIDE WHAT FURTHER ASSISTANCE WE CAN IN AIDING YOUR NATION'S RECOVERY.

I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL PERSONAL MESSAGE PRESENTED TO ME ON FEBRUARY 23 BY YOUR COUNSELOR, VASILE PUNGAN. I APPRECIATED HEARING FROM HIM OF YOUR DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN THE RELATIONS THAT LINK ROMANIA AND THE UNITED STATES. I SHARE YOUR HOPE THAT THOSE FRUITFUL, COOPERATIVE RELATIONS WILL BE DEEPENED.

AS AMBASSADOR PUNGAN WILL HAVE TOLD YOU, WE HAD A CORDIAL DISCUSSION. I BELIEVE THE EXCHANGE WAS VERY USEFUL IN PROVIDING AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE ISSUES THAT ARE OF GREATEST CONCERN TO OUR NATIONS. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP EACH OTHER'S INTERESTS IN VIEW. I HOPE WE CAN CONTINUE TO CONSULT OFTEN ON MATTERS OF COMMON CONCERN.

WE SHARE MANY GOALS. THE UNITED STATES IS DEEPLY COMMITTED TO FURTHER PROGRESS TOWARD DISARMAMENT AND WILL SPARE NO EFFORT TO BRING THE ARMS RACE UNDER CONTROL AND TO REDUCE THE LEVELS OF BOTH NUCLEAR AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS. THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS-MAKING TECHNOLOGY IS ALSO A THREAT TO THE WELFARE AND SECURITY OF PEOPLE OF ALL COUNTRIES. I HOPE DISARMAMENT IS A PROBLEM ON WHICH  
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I SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT CONTINUED TENSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THIS IS A CRITICAL YEAR FOR PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE IN THAT AREA. I UNDERSTAND YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN URGING THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST AND TO ACCEPT THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTING A NEGOTIATED SETTLE-

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